Civil Rights Leaders Mini-Research Project

You have been assigned a person who was considered to be a civil rights leader of their time.

1. Go to the Frederick County Public Library website, [www.fcpl.org](http://www.fcpl.org), click on the RESEARCH link on the top blue toolbar, click on the ABC listing of databases, and choose the BIOGRAPHY IN CONTEXT database.

2. If you have your library card, enter your number. If not, use this login for today: 11982000000000

3. Read through their biography and record information about their life (you must handwrite this part). Make sure you include the MLA citation given on the page. **DO NOT PRINT OUT THE ARTICLE!**

4. When you are finished, re-read your notes.

5. Then, (using support from your research) answer the following questions:

a. How were their individual freedoms restricted?

b. What did they do to change those ways?

You will turn in your notes and responses.

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| Aang San Suu Kyi |
| Clara Barton |
| Susan B. Anthony |
| Thurgood Marshall |
| Harvey Milk |
| Shirin Ebadi |
| Cesar Chavez |
| Bernard Ntaganda |
| Jomo Kenyatta |
| Steven Biko |
| Kofi Atta Annan |
| Gloria Steinem |
| Kweisi Mfume |
| Thich Nhat Hanh |
| Stokely Carmichael |
| Ai Weiwei |
| Walter Sisulu |
| Sarah Winnemucca |
| Dolores Huerta |
| Zainab Salbi |

Example notes paper (except you will hand write):

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Martin Luther King, Jr." *Contemporary Black Biography*. Vol. 1. Detroit: Gale, 1992. *Gale Biography*

*In Context*. Web. 5 Sep. 2012.

Notes:

* Born January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, GA; Died April 4, 1968 in Memphis, TN
* “Has evolved from a prominent civil rights leader into the symbol for the civil rights movement in the US”
* Born into a family of Baptist ministers
* Because his father was a pastor, and therefore wealthier than many families in the area, King had more opportunities for education and life experiences
* Even though he was upper middle class, he still experienced problems with segregation
* He was not interested in the priesthood immediately, originally attending school to be a doctor or lawyer
* However, a religious professor and the college’s president taught King the “social and intellectual tradition of the ministry” and he finally accepted it as his calling
* He studied theology, philosophy, ethics, etc. at the Crozier Theological Seminary in PA
* Emerging as a leader already, he became the student-body president, was valedictorian, won an outstanding student prize, and earned a graduate study fellowship
* Accepted to multiple doctoral colleges, he accepted with Boston University where he studied systematic theology
* Upon graduation, King had many opportunities for careers, but he chose a pastorship at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL in 1954
* December, 1955’s Rosa Parks incident was King’s first involvement with civil rights